

**Faculty Senate Executive Council
Minutes for 1-14-13**

Members present: Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Ann Rathbun, Robert Royar, Lesia Lennex, Cyndi Gibbs and Beverly McCormick

EC minutes for December 4, 2012 were approved as submitted.

The EC set their meetings for Monday at 10:45 of the weeks that Senate meets.

The secretary will set up 2 meetings with the President and Provost, hopefully on a Monday at 10:45.

The EC discussed "amendment control" on the Senate floor. The discussion centered on whether or not amendments could only be "friendly", with regard to any discussion, but particularly the GE proposal coming forth that revises the SLO's. The GEC stated that if there is any "wordsmithing" of the SLOs it will be a major problem for the GEC to redo them. GEC stated that the new SLO's are much better, easier for faculty and more useful that they were before. It was decided that there will be an up or down vote on the SLO's only, but not limit discussion on other issues before the Senate.

Chair Chatham asked the Governance committee to look into a possible mistake on the Registration Advisory Committee Description.

There was considerable discussion about the new designated smoking areas on campus, how and who made the decision? Chair Chatham will ask VP Weathers to speak to the Senate regarding the decision on the smoking areas.

There was also discussion about the priority at the University with regard to hires in other areas versus Academic Affairs.

The chair will ask someone to present the retention report to the Senate.

Agenda for January 17, 2013

Chair Chatham will remind Senators about the absence policy.

Adjournment: 12:45 pm